Capacity addition of Thermal Power Projects

*117. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantum of projected capacity addition to thermal power production during the current year (2005-06);

(b) whether the major thermal power producers including the NTPC are assured of additional supply of indigenous coal to meet the requirements of capacity addition for 2005-06;

(c) whether it is a fact that NTPC and other SEBs are importing large volumes of coal, adding upto the per unit production cost by 145%; and

(d) whether the power sector has made any attempt to get the coal import duties lowered to keep the production cost still lower?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) The quantum of projected capacity addition to thermal power production during the year 2005-06 is 3565.92 MW.

(b) There is likely to be some shortage of domestic coal which will have to be made up through import.

(c) It has been decided by Ministry of Power that National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) and a few other State Electricity Boards (SEBs) would import about 9.5 Million Tonnes of additional Coal during the year 2005-06. The generation cost of electricity would depend upon the Cost, Insurance and Freight (CIF) price of coal on the day of purchase.

(d) Yes, Sir.

FDI in real estate

*118. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open up Foreign Direct Investment in real estate;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and its impact on real estate market;

(c) the norms fixed for the purpose; and

(d) the time by when decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Foreign Direct Investment up to 100% under the automatic